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1. AMBASSADOR MURPHY AND ASCHAM CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER YOSHIDA 1500 HOURS 26 DEC. MEETING LASTED ABOUT 30 MINUTES DURING WHICH NORMAL AMENITIES AND GREETINGS EXCHANGED. YOSHIDA TENDED TO NON-OFFICIAL SUBJECTS ALTHOUGH ON () CASE HE MADE UNCONCERNED AND RELAXED COMMENT TO EFFECT "THAT MATTER IS SUBSIDING", IMPLYING THAT HE DID NOT CONSIDER IT SERIOUS AFFAIR AT THIS TIME.

2. AT 1545 HOURS SAME DAY ASCHAM, () () AND () (AS INTERPRETER) CALLED ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OGATA. MUJARI JUN WAS ALSO PRESENT. MEETING TOOK PLACE WITH HIGH DEGREE CORDIALITY DISPLAYED BY OGATA. FOLLOWING WERE PRINCIPAL POINTS COVERED:

A. ASCHAM CONVEYED GREETINGS OF DCI AND SEC STATE DESIGNATE. HE INDICATED OUR GREAT SATISFACTION WITH INTEREST OGATA HAS SHOWN IN INTELLIGENCE FIELD AND OUR HOPE THAT JAP GOVT WILL PUSH ORGANIZATION OF CENTRALIZED INTELL AGENCY. HE MADE SPECIAL MENTION OUR GRATIFICATION OVER JAPANESE PROGRESS IN () FIELD (PROJECT

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B. OGATA STATED IN EFFECT JAP INTELL ORGAN WILL BE SET UP; THAT JAP GOVT NEEDS AND DESIRES U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THIS CONNECTION WHICH THEY ALREADY GETTING FROM () AND () THAT JAP GOVT WILL COOPERATE FULLY WITH U.S. IN INTELL FIELD. OGATA WAS APPARENTLY EARNEST AND FIRM IN THESE STATEMENTS. HE WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT JAP INTELLIGENCE MIGHT BE OF PARTICULAR VALUE IN ASIATIC AREAS WHEREIN THERE WAS NATURAL LIGUISTIC AND RACIAL AFFINITY, AS WELL AS ACTUAL PRESENCE OF JAPANESE STILL IN THOSE AREAS.

#D. THIS LATTER POINT WAS STRONGLY CONCURRED IN BY ASCHAM WHO WENT ON TO SAY THAT WE LOOK TO THE JAPANESE FOR THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS GOING ON PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNIST CHINA.

E. () ASKED OGATA IF JAPS WERE MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH THIRD FORCE GROUPS FOR POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION.

F. OGATA STATED THAT SUCH WAS NOT TRUE. HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THERE IS LITTLE TO BE GAINED FROM SUPPORT OF THIRD FORCE WHO NOW HAVE LITTLE OR NO INTERCOURSE WITH EITHER CHINATS OR CHICOMS. HE FELT TIME WILL SERVE ONLY TO DIMINISH THIRD FORCE VALUE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT OGATA WAS SPEAKING ONLY OF OFFICIAL AND OVERT SUPPORT OF THIRD FORCE (AS OPPOSED CHINATS). HOWEVER HE WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT HE SAW MORE POTENTIAL IN EXPLOITATION OVERSEAS CHINESE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WHO HE FEELS HAVE SOME ACCESS TO COMMUNIST CHINA. HE POINTED OUT THAT OVERSEAS CHINESE WERE IN INTERESTING PIVOTAL

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POSITION BETWEEN CHICOMS, CHINATS AND VARIOUS SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

G. ASCHAM CONCURRED WITH THIS LATTER POINT OF VIEW BUT ADDED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOMETHING TO BE GAINED IN INTELLIGENCE SENSE BY WORKING WITH CERTAIN THIRD FORCE GROUPS.

H. OGATA DID NOT COMMENT.

I. MEETING TERMINATED WITH GENERAL FEELING GOODWILL AND MUTUAL PROMISES SUPPORT AND COOPERATION.

3. AT 1630 HOURS ASCHAM AND () ATTENDED TEA AT U.S. EMBASSY AT INVITATION AMBASSADOR MURPHY. OGATA AND FOREIGN MINISTER OKAZAKI WERE ALSO GUESTS. OKAZAKI ALSO SAID TO AMBASSADOR PRIVATELY ON LEAVING THAT HE THOUGHT () CASE WAS SUBSIDING.

4. () IS CERTAIN THAT ASCHAM'S VISIT WAS MOST IMPORTANT. OUR MEETINGS WITH HIGH JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAS DONE MUCH TO CONFIRM STATUS OF KUBARK IN JAPAN AS IMPORTANT BRANCH U.S. GOVT. IT WAS MOST TIMELY IN VIEW () CASE AND HAD GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN STRENGTHENING MURPHY'S ALREADY IMPRESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD OUR PROBLEMS. IT HAS TAKEN COURAGE ON LATTER'S PART IN VIEW FEC POSITION. ✓

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